

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11-14, 18-23, 31-34 and 39 is noted with appreciation. Independent claims 1, 25, 36 and 40 have been amended to include features from the allowed claims. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims in the application are now allowable.

In this Amendment no claims are added, claims 1, 25, 31, 36 and 40 are amended, and claim 39 is canceled (claims 6-8, 15-17, 24, 29, 35 and 43-44 were previously canceled). As a result, claims 1-5, 9-14, 18-23, 25-28, 30-34, 36-38, 40-42 and 45-54 remain pending in the application. This paper incorporates the features of dependent claim 39—indicated as allowable—into its parent claim, independent claim 36. In addition, a typographical error noted in claim 31 is attended to by amendment. This paper also amends the first paragraph of the specification to update the serial number information of the cited patent applications also assigned to the present assignee.

In view of the present amendments, it is believed the application is now in condition for allowance.

Deposit Account Authorization / Provisional Time Extension Petition

It is believed that no extension of time or fees are required for this paper. However, to the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0439 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. However, in the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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